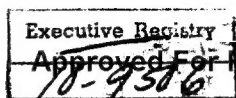


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MacVeagh

Dear Allen

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We read that Foster is coming to San Francisco to address the Chamber of Commerce and I suppose that is an effort to mend the political fences. I wonder if he realizes what his main handicap in California is - a while ago newspapers here came out with a headline to the effect that Dulles threatens that the U.S.A. will resume nuclear testing if the Russians do. The reaction in Calif. is "who is he threatening"? We are surrounded by scientists out here and they agree that "fall-out" is cumulative and the quickest way for humans to acquire some in their bodies is to be in the area of a nuclear test. The grass

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(EXECUTIVE REGISTRY FILE) has had fall-out.

Now everyone knows that Russians & Chinese  
are not accustomed to drinking much milk  
but all Americans, particularly Californians  
drink tons of it, both children and adults,  
so the question "who is he threatening?" makes  
some sense, and after the last nuclear tests  
in Nevada blowing this way Californians are  
very sensitive on the subject.

Another thing, of course, is that a number  
of people were frightened over the Quemoy question.

I thought that Foster handled that very  
well because he avoided Dean Acheson's  
mistake of saying we wouldn't fight for it  
while choosing his words carefully enough  
not to commit us to do it. Jack and I were  
perfectly confident that he never meant to  
fight for Quemoy because that would have  
been a perfectly idiotic thing to do.

also want to do a little "getting out without  
losing face". If so, why don't we agree

to that promptly and we can turn West  
Berlin over to West Germany and they  
can put their troops in to keep the city  
divided as the dual capital of the  
federated Germany. I think that  
ought to be an easy out for us and not  
make Germany much more potentially dangerous  
than she is, which we cannot prevent her  
being anyway. (When I say "potentially  
dangerous" I am talking of your grand-children  
time.) It is the German combination of great  
physical strength and virility with complete  
psychological "fidelity". Can be led anywhere.

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we do wish you and Bobbi were here.  
Much love to you both from Jack and Bobbi Macbeath

All our foreign affairs lately seem to be  
 Much Ado about Nothing. Obviously  
 no one here gives a hoot about either Germany  
 or Berlin, but I realize that you and Foster  
 know perfectly well that both those situations  
 are bound to deteriorate and that Foster  
 must be trying to get us out with as little  
 loss of face as possible. I can't see why  
 we make such a fuss about re-uniting Germany.  
 West Germany is already the most powerful  
 country in Europe and why build her up?

But the West Germans certainly don't want  
 to burden ~~themselves~~ <sup>themselves</sup> by integrating East  
 Germany into it. They talk about federation  
 of ~~East Germany~~ <sup>East Germany</sup> and ~~West Germany~~ <sup>West Germany</sup>  
 has come out for that too. Perhaps he